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Title : Issue regarding increase of number of working days available under MGNREGA work in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI B. MANICKAM TAGORE (VIRUDHUNAGAR): Sir, I would like to bring to your notice that the number of days available under MGNREGA work in Tamil Nadu is being reduced to only twenty-five days in the year. MGNREGA Scheme was a flagship programme of the UPA when Dr. Manmohan Singh was the Prime Minister and Shrimati Sonia Gandhi was the UPA Chairperson. The essence of the Scheme was that any able person who is ready to work in his village will be given work. That work is now under threat. This Government is campaigning with all other works, and material component is being added to the Budget and we have been told that the allocation under MGNREGA will increase, but what really is happening is that instead of hundred days, only twenty-five or twenty-six days' work is given. I found it in my inspection through the Gram Panchayats. I request the hon. Rural Development Minister to intervene particularly in Tamil Nadu to make this a hundred-day scheme, not just a twenty-five days' scheme.

माननीय अध्यक्ष :

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